

1585 Raleigh colonizes Roanoke Island

In 1583 Sir Humphrey Gilbert, who had claimed Newfoundland for Elizabeth I, was lost on the voyage home. His patent to North America above Florida was given to Walter Raleigh, to whom, in 1584 English navigators brought back excellent reports of a little island off the southern coast. Roanoke Island, off N. Carolina had the advantage of being far enough north to escape Spanish attention. Raleigh decided to found the first English settlement in the New World. Raleigh's 1st

expedition led by Sir Richard Grenville, landed on the island (1585), found the pioneering life unpalatable, and returned home within a yr. The 2nd expedition, a group of 117 men, women & children was established. The commander John White returned to England for supplies. When he again landed, (1591) he found the island completely uninhabited. He also found the letters CROATOAN, carved on a tree, giving rise to 2 theories, neither proven; ① Colonists had removed themselves to Croatan Island, 30 mi north, or ② They had joined the tribe of Croatan or Hatteras Indians. The failure of the venture demonstrated that overseas colonization was beyond the means of private purses and required the backing of government.

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1585

Vigo Bay in Spain was
attacked by Drake

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Accession of Pope Sixtus V
Spain & England declare war,
Winchester goes to Netherlands;
Drake sails to Cartagena
Raleigh's first Virginia
colony

1585

The Shakespeare twins Hammet
and Judith were christened

1585

The Bishops formed the Catholic
League to exclude Henry of Navarre
and all heretics from the
succession,

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1585

(1532-1588) Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester

A favorite of Queen Elizabeth. Commanded expedition (1585) to aid the Netherlands in their struggle for independence from Spain. Elected governor by the states-general 1586.

Recalled 1587

1585

St Peter's

Little was done during Pope Pius IV's time. Pius V's successor, Gregory XIII made progress but not so much as he hoped. - Then

Sixtus V ascended St. Peter's throne in 1585. With him the great project began to move again. He was almost entirely responsible for building the dome designed by Michelangelo. It was

Sixtus IV who ordered the construction of the
Sistine Hall and Vatican library - built
by Domenico Fontana in 1588

1585

GERARDUS Mercator, having
devised maps using projections,
starts compiling a great
atlas of maps of the world